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Up in the Air...

Rotary plows churn snow off
U.S. Highway 6, west of Emerald.

(See story on pages 2-4)

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Highway Crews Render Resilient Response to Winter's Wrath

The 2009 Christmas Blizzard, combined with an early January 2010 snowstorm, packed a one-two punch in central and eastern Nebraska, testing the fortitude of NDOR highway crews who battled the elements to clear the roads.

Near-record amounts of snow were reported, accompanied by bone-chilling temperatures and deadly windchill factors. Added to the mix, high winds caused blowing and drifting snow that contributed to dangerous driving conditions and closures of many area highways. Northeastern Nebraska, in District 3, was hardest hit by the snowstorms.

Responding to the challenge, NDOR crews joined forces with other first responders, including city and county road crews, utility workers, state troopers as well as local law enforcement and fire and rescue squads. They worked together to clear roadways,

rescue stranded passengers and vehicles, restore utility outages and transport individuals to hospitals and shelters. Community resources and local volunteers contributed to the effort.

United Effort

Maintenance and operations staff from the Roads Department were integral to snow removal efforts. Several districts outside of the areas affected by the snowstorm also pitched in to help by sending snowplows, snow blowers and crews to help with the snow removal efforts.

Corvin Hinrichs, Highway District Operations & Maintenance Manager from District 8, headquartered in Ainsworth, noted, "Although we were on the western edge of the winter storm, we really did not have the challenges experienced by our neighbors to the east. We sent two of our snow blowers to help District 3.

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Crews from Mullen in District 6 help District 2 with snow removal efforts near Omaha.

Photo by Tom Renninger, District 6

Winter Storm *(cont'd. from page 2)*

We also rotated 12 employees from Ainsworth and 5 employees from Valentine."

Tom Sands, NDOR Operations Division Manager, said snowplows and crews were sent from each district to help with the aftermath of the snowstorms that mainly impacted Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4. According to Sands, in addition to District 8's efforts, District 5 sent crews with snow blowers from Chadron, Sidney and Gering to District 3. District 6 sent a crew with a snow blower and wing truck from Mullen to help in District 2 (Omaha area). They also sent a crew with a rotary plow from Broken Bow. District 7 sent a crew with a snow blower out of Holdrege and Minden to help in District 1 (Lincoln area). They also sent loaders out of McCook and Imperial. As the road conditions in District 4 improved, crews were sent from Kearney and Grand Island to assist in District 1

Challenges Faced

District 3 reported numerous highway closures, primarily due to drifting caused by the blowing snow. Kris Winter, District 3 Engineer in Norfolk, shared several accounts submitted by Highway Maintenance Superintendent Rod Weber, indicating some of the situations they faced during the storms:

- * Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) called for assistance in getting to Belden, Nebraska, to their substations one mile north on Hwy. 59 – Hwys. 81, 20 and 59

NDOR Participates in Winter Storm Conference Calls/Webinars

The National Weather Service (NWS), Valley, Nebraska, convened several winter storm conference calls/webinars beginning during Christmas week 2009, several days prior to winter storms that severely impacted much of Nebraska. The initial webinar was called by NWS on December 21 when the storm was still over the Pacific Ocean, several days away from Nebraska.

Several NDOR districts and the NDOR District 2 Operations Center

were invited to take part in the conference calls/webinars that also included county emergency managers, broadcast media, law enforcement and others. Participants said they were appreciative of the timely, accurate information and the accompanying maps and visual aids.

The conference calls/webinars have been held periodically by NWS prior and during severe winter storms. The 2009 Christmas Blizzard was the first time that NDOR officials took part.



Photo by Tom Renninger, District 6

Mullen crews from District 6 use a wing plow to bust through a snow drift as deep as the truck is tall in the Fremont area.

were all blocked by drifts. We took a blower and two trucks to open the roadway for them because several community stations were down and without electricity, including the town of Allen. The drift that we encountered on Hwy. 59, north of Belden, was ¼ mile long and 8-feet deep.

- * The State Patrol stopped traffic for crews on Hwy. 81 north to Yankton so we could get the roads opened. We used two blower crews and worked until 11:00 p.m. Traffic was backed up for a couple of miles when they were let through.

Thanks to the State Patrol we got there in one day. It would have taken us three days under normal traffic conditions.

- * We opened Hwy. 275 east for the third time. When we got to Pilger there were 70 semi's waiting to go back to Norfolk. We had "Road Closed/Find Shelter" on the information boards, but this does not get to persons far away.
- * We responded to a medical emergency from the Village of Pilger Rescue team—we plowed our way to Pilger and the rescue team went to West Point St. Francis Medical Hospital.
- * We rescued a man, wife and child who were stuck and stranded with low fuel at the junction of Hwy. 81 and Hwy. 20. When I got there the man was in the back seat huddling with his child to keep him warm. We pulled them out and they returned to the "Hilltop" to get gas and warmth.

Districts 1 and 2 encountered similar perilous situations during the recent snowstorms and worked around the clock to clear the roads and get help where it was needed.

(see Winter Storm on next page)

Work Continues

The drifting of roads continued to remain a concern for weeks after the snowstorms, particularly in rural areas. Roads crews concentrated on those areas, chipping away at the piles of snow and ice that still reduced some roadways to one lane of traffic.

During these back-to-back winter snowstorms, NDOR highway crews worked tirelessly in hazardous circumstances to clear roads and ensure the safety of those who ventured onto Nebraska's snow-packed roadways. They were commended by Director Monty Fredrickson for their response to the debilitating winter storms.

"The storms and the blizzard that rolled forcefully across eastern Nebraska at the end of December were taxing and life-threatening. NDOR staff worked hard, long and diligently. I am proud of their commitment, and I thank them sincerely for the time they missed with their families over the Holidays." ♦



Photo by Rod Weber, District 3

Chadron crews from District 5 use their snow blower to tackle drifts on Nebraska Highway 57, approximately 1 mile north of Stanton, in District 3.

511 Calls Spike in December

The Nebraska Department of Roads 511 Traveler Information System website, www.511nebraska.org, received 700,000 visits in December, according to Barb Biffle Bennett, NDOR Web Communication Officer. The 700,000 visits were more than half the total website visits for all last year—there were 1.3 million altogether. The Roads Department posts up-to-date road conditions throughout Nebraska on its website. Information may also be accessed through the NDOR website, www.transportation.nebraska.gov.



Photo by Tom Renninger, District 6
Snow flies as Mullen crews from District 6 operate a rotary plow to clear roadways near Omaha.

December and January Snowstorms in the News...

Blizzard breaks record

"Snowfall between Dec. 23 and Dec. 26 was the seventh highest of all time, according to the National Weather Service...from Christmas Eve to Christmas Day, 11.2 inches fell, officially topping the 1948-1949 blizzard...Snowfall totals are recorded out of Lincoln... Thousands of people across Nebraska may agree Dec. 25, 2009 will be a Christmas to remember for a long time to come."

Seward Independent, January 6, 2010

Slogging through a snowy winter

"...People and plows had barely dug out from the December storms when more snow, driven by high winds in sub-zero temperatures, started the new year off wrong last week...Many people were trapped on farms and ranches because snow blocked numerous state highways and county roads across much of the state..."

"On Thursday morning, 30 cars and trucks were stuck in massive snow drifts just in one stretch of U.S. Highway 275 between Wisner and Pilger... Unlike some people whom the State Patrol rescued Friday farther southeast in Cass County, none of the stuck drivers near Stanton was injured by the cold. In both of those counties, and numerous others, rural medical rescue calls often required convoys led by snowplows. In Lincoln, National Guard ambulances were deployed to transport people because so many streets were impassable..."

Omaha World-Herald, January 10, 2010

Latest winter weather briefly isolates Columbus

"Columbus was an island in the midst of a sea of snow and ice Thursday (January 8) with road closures in effect on all major roads in and out of the city. The Nebraska Department of Roads 511 Traveler Information System reported U.S. Highway 30 closed from three miles east of Columbus to the Iowa state line as of 9 a.m....U.S. Highway 81 also was closed from Columbus south to York and north to Madison and along portions of the highway between Madison and Norfolk as of 6:15 p.m. Blizzard conditions with winds to 44 mph were reported... Temperatures throughout the region were expected to drop to between -3 and -9 degrees in most areas with sustained winds of 21 mph and gusts of up to 44 mph... Plows were out working during the brutally cold weather characterized by heavy winds and drifting snow... U.S. 30 was also closed between Columbus and Grand Island with blizzard conditions creating white-out conditions between Silver Creek and Grand Island..."

Columbus Telegram, January 9, 2010

Snow packed roads daunting task for workers

"...The task was so daunting that Nebraska Department of Roads sent plows, trucks and operators from western Nebraska to help. Large rotary plows based in Chadron, McCook, Mullen, Scottsbluff and Sidney arrived Friday to help churn snow off eastern roads. The big snow-shooting machines' first assignments were snow-choked roads north, south and west of Omaha; Saunders County; U.S. Highway 34 east of Lincoln; and northeast Nebraska. Five rotary blowers were operating in northeast Nebraska. A blower from Ainsworth was scheduled to join the fight...Two rotary plows from Grand Island were scheduled to work highways north and west of Lincoln...Another rotary plow may come from Broken Bow. Loaders and dump trucks from Imperial and McCook were en route east...These big blowers are the only way to take care of the drifts..."

"...Greeley County cattleman Jerry Glaser of Spalding said road crews three times busted through a snow bank towering 8 feet tall and spanning 100 feet, only to have wind drift the lanes closed again...'This is the worst winter I've seen since at least 1985,' Glaser said..."

North Platte Telegraph, January 10, 2010

Snow, wind and cold halt many day-to-day functions

"...Highway travel was still not being advised Friday morning (Jan. 8) as gusty north winds blew snow back and closed roads. Crews were pulled in Thursday afternoon until conditions improved on Friday... Kris Winter, district engineer with the Nebraska Department of Roads at Norfolk, said highways are blocked by snow drifts all over. It is expected to take several days to get all the roads opened. ...'It's hard,' she said. 'This is a difficult storm. The wind packed the snow. It's harder to remove. Plows have to go at a lower speed.'

"Some additional equipment and workers from other parts of the state were being sent to Northeast Nebraska... In some areas, snow blowers and trucks with flaggers and clean-up crews needed to remove drifts more than 10 feet tall..."

"...the State Patrol worked with the Roads Department to rescue stranded motorists. Some of the worst areas were around Highway 275 between Highways 57 and 15, where the patrol worked with the Stanton County sheriff's office to rescue motorists... Another area hard hit was Cedar County..."

Norfolk Daily News, January 8, 2010



We Get Mail...

Photo by Rod Weber, District 3

Crews from Ainsworth in District 8 put their snow blower to the test on Nebraska Highway 35, between Emerson and Hubbard, in District 3.

January 6, 2010

Kris Winter
NDOR District 3 Engineer

I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to you and your employees for the assistance provided during the Christmas blizzard of 2009.

Your department's snowplows and the personnel who operated them proved to be an invaluable resource, allowing our troopers to perform rescue missions on several stranded and endangered motorists along the Hwy. 81 & 275 corridor. Without the assistance of these snowplows and the drivers who operated them, our troops and their commission of providing aid to these stranded motorists would have proved to be in vain. Knowing that there are allied agencies in this area who are more than willing to offer their resources in a time of need speaks volumes of your cooperative spirit.

Once again, please convey our gratitude to your employees for a job well done. It is comforting knowing that such a quality agency as yours is there to aid and assist in times of need.

Sincerely,

Lieutenant Daniel L. Wilson
Nebraska State Patrol

January 6, 2010

Dear Randy Sabata,

As you know, the Christmas 2009 blizzard ranks among the worst snow storms of the past several decades. An event of the magnitude of this blizzard negatively impacts nearly all segments of the economy and population. Coming as it did over the Christmas weekend, the storm particularly impacted individuals and families traveling for the holidays.

I would like to commend your employees for their responsiveness in dealing with the varied needs and challenges faced by the traveling public as a result of this major winter storm. I had the opportunity to observe your employees interacting with many concerned, and in some cases, frustrated motorists who were attempting to reach their destination for the holidays.

... while I am appreciative of the efforts of all of your employees, I would like to commend the (Aurora area) road crew for the assistance they rendered to stranded or inconvenienced motorists during this time period. I either observed or have knowledge of their willingness to help motorists find the services or shelter they were seeking as a result of the Christmas storm and would hope you might convey my personal gratitude for a job well done under the most difficult of circumstances.

My sincere appreciation,

Marlin L. Seeman, Mayor
City of Aurora

Editor's Note: Kudos to Randy Sabata, Hwy. Maintenance Supervisor at District 4 in Aurora, and his crew.

The Department of Roads receives numerous complimentary letters. The letters printed here are representative of those often sent praising the many fine and deserving employees of the Department of Roads.

December 31, 2009

To Governor Dave Heineman,

It is such a pleasure to have the service of the Department of Roads. I drive from DeWitt to Lincoln every day and I cannot say enough about the work that has been done by the state employees to keep us safe. The work and time they have put in, as well as the time they spend away from their families, is so appreciated. I realize that they are paid for their time, but the quality of the work is incredible.

Thanks to all for letting me get to work in a safe manner!

Sincerely,

Mona Reynolds
DeWitt, Nebraska

January 7, 2010

Allen Horak

Dist. 4 Operations & Maintenance Mgr.

We are deeply indebted to you and your York-based staff for their assistance during the recent Christmas blizzard and its aftermath. Throughout the storm, NDOR equipment operators were able to keep Route 93 Spur open between the US-81 bypass and the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women, thus making it possible for us to get staff to and from our facility.

After the storm, we faced a serious security problem due to drifting around the perimeter fences, particularly along the south side where an 8-foot drift covered our interior 6-foot fence and made for easy access to the 12-foot exterior fence. Freeze and thaw cycles hardened the surface of the drift to the point where it was able to support the weight of a person. This condition could have easily facilitated an escape over the fence. Supervisors David Cassidy and Alan Galaway responded to the facility and did an assessment of our needs. They instructed NDOR employee Larry Baldwin to bring in heavy equipment on December 31 and again on January 4 to remove snow adjacent to this and some of the other fences. He did an excellent job and saved our staff a huge amount of time and hard work.

This excellent show of interagency support and cooperation is much appreciated!

Sincerely,

John J. Dahm, Warden
Nebraska Correctional Services

Editor's Note: David Cassidy is Hwy. Maintenance Superintendent, Alan Galaway is Hwy. Maintenance Supervisor and Larry Baldwin is Hwy. Maintenance Worker Sr., all at District 4 in York.

January 25, 2010

Dear Director Fredrickson,

I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the professionalism and cooperation of your staff. On December 25, 2009, Christmas morning, we received a request from Schuyler Fire Department for assistance from our Investigation Division to assist them with a fire that had taken the lives of two individuals and severely burning a third.

The snow and wind conditions were horrendous and travel was very difficult at best with the blowing and drifting conditions. Two of our investigators were in David City and needed assistance to get to Schuyler. Robert Schmit, Roger Kloke and John Pachta went above and beyond by opening Hwy. 15 through the difficult conditions so our investigators could follow the opening made for them. My staff has informed me on several occasions that they could not have made it had it not been for Kloke and Pachta opening the way for them.

The dedication of your staff and mine sometimes goes unnoticed by the public, but not by us. Again, let me say we are grateful for your staff and their help. Thank you from the State Fire Marshal's Office and staff.

Respectfully,

John E. Falgione
State Fire Marshal

Editor's Note: Robert Schmit is a Hwy. Maintenance Supervisor, Roger Kloke and John Pachta are Hwy. Maintenance Workers Sr. at District 1 in David City.

January 10, 2010

I am sending this email to thank all the great employees in the highway department who have been on the front lines clearing snow from the roads. I consider their work fantastic. Whether it was the state, county or city snow crews, I believe they have done an outstanding job. I know some people have complained, but I do not believe they understand what these men and women have given up to keep our roads and highways open. In my opinion, this winter has been the most difficult since 1948-49 when I saw snow drifts up to the edge of the roofs of buildings on our farm west of Grand Island.

I've heard that the snow crews have put in as much as 12 hour days for 30 out of the last 31 days. They have given up the holidays to help the people of Nebraska and deserve a very big THANK YOU.

Jerry Rouse
Seward, Nebraska

Timing Key to Concord Bridge Projects' Success

By **Bob Wiebelhaus**
District 3 Project Manager

District 3, in northeast Nebraska contains one of the shortest highways in the state.

The seven-mile segment of Nebraska Hwy. 116 is a small part of the state's great highway system. Along its corridor are the communities of Concord and Dixon, populations 156 and 109, respectively.

One would think that with a small population base, a road closure would not be too burdensome, but any disruption in "normalcy" seems to be catastrophic to the locals and the traveling public.

At certain times of the year this area of the state is a beehive of activity. The Dixon Elevator is one of the largest in northeast Nebraska. Concord is the location of the Dixon County Fair. The Dixon County cattle feed yard is one of the biggest in the state and located just a few miles north on Hwy. 20. The UNL experimental farm is located just east of Concord.

Several Projects

Highway 116, a destination route for many and a bypass for the traveling public, was the beneficiary of several highway projects this past summer. The Concord East project was a bridge rail remodel project that utilized a one-lane road situation. During phase 2, a 10-foot driving lane hampered traffic to the fair.

The Concord Southwest project was a bridge removal and replacement with a quintuple 10x8-foot box culvert. Construction began on September 8, 2009. The road was closed and a detour established, bypassing Hwy. 116. Local traffic could reach Dixon and Concord from the north.

Concrete cylinder tests showed enough strength to open the road and dismantle the detour on November 30. Harvest was well underway. The road was opened at 2:00 that afternoon. Within minutes, the trucks to the elevator and feedlot were taking advantage of the shorter route.

This highway is also a borderline road for the Laurel, Allen, Wayne and Wakefield school districts. The road closure resulted in alternate routes for school buses and mail delivery. After four months of detours and narrow roads the locals could breathe a sigh of relief.

The very next day, a consultant arrived to perform a scheduled inspection of the Logan Creek truss bridge, one-half mile west of the new box culvert project. Some say the timing was bad, but the optimist in me knows this day was better than later. The inspector wasn't under the bridge long and determined this bridge wasn't safe. They found two 16" stringers that developed cracks almost the full height of the stringers and a third with a short crack.

After quick deliberation, the road was closed again and the same detour established.

Good Timing

The Bridge Division immediately designed a repair, and the search was on for a contractor. The timing was good. Cramer & Associates of Grimes, Iowa, had recently completed the new viaduct bridge in Columbus and had some people available.

Cramer & Associates had done repair work in the past for the NDOR. In 2008 they repaired seven gusset plates on the 84-year-old Meridian Bridge, which crosses the Missouri River on Hwy. 81 at Yankton, South Dakota. They had also done some repair work in the Columbus area in the summer and had performed gusset repairs around Omaha in years past.

Dan Cramer immediately took on the work, ordered materials and



Before and after repairs to Logan Creek Bridge.

scheduled people. They arrived late afternoon on Thursday, December 11, erected their scaffolding, worked all day Friday and finished Saturday, December 13.

Repairs consisted of removal of rivets, installation of two galvanized repair plates and two filler plates—one on each side of the stringers—and installation of high strength bolts. Maintenance crews from Laurel and Wayne arrived around noon on Saturday, December 13, and the road was open by 1:00 p.m. Again, a sigh of relief by the locals and the traveling public signaled that timing was good.

Cramer & Associates' crew consisted of Brad Eaton, Darren Bishop and Richard Thompson. They endured very cold temperatures and high winds to complete this project. On Thursday, December 11, they traversed snowy and icy highways to get to the project. They were traveling from Des Moines, Iowa, which had 16+ inches of snow just a few days earlier.

Our thanks go out to all people involved with this repair.

The contractor, the bridge and construction offices, construction and maintenance personnel all helped make this repair go as smoothly and quickly as possible. ♦



Oh, the Joys of Winter!



By Carol Marshall, RN

This winter we have experienced several snowstorms in Nebraska, accompanied by the mundane chore of shoveling. The good news is that 15 minutes of snow shoveling counts as moderate physical activity, according to the

1996 Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health. The bad news is an increase in the number of fatal heart attacks among those engaged in this strenuous activity.

Snow shoveling may cause a quick increase in heart rate and blood pressure, placing a sudden demand on an individual's heart. Some people need to think twice about attempting this because they may be at the most risk for a heart attack. These include:

- * Anyone who has already had a heart attack
- * Individuals with a history of heart disease
- * Those with high blood pressure or high cholesterol
- * Smokers
- * Individuals leading a sedentary lifestyle

Although all dangers of snow shoveling may not be fatal, heavy lifting and cold weather may result in injuries to the back and shoulder muscles if you do not take proper precautions. According to the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission, more than 70,000 people were treated in hospital emergency rooms, doctors' offices, clinics and other medical settings for injuries sustained while shoveling or removing ice manually during 2008.

Snow Shoveling Tips

Shoveling snow involves lots of bending and heavy lifting. It may be especially vigorous for people who do not regularly exercise, as their backs, shoulder and arm muscles may not be prepared for that level of activity. It can be compared to weight lifting, and in some cases, the aerobic aspect is similar to a workout on a treadmill. To help keep you safe, consider the following tips:

- * Be heart smart! Don't eat or smoke beforehand. Avoid caffeinated beverages as they are stimulants that may increase the heart rate and cause blood vessels to constrict.
- * If you experience pain of any kind, stop immediately and seek assistance.
- * Pace yourself. Take frequent breaks and drink plenty of water.
- * Dress in layers and wear clothes that allow ease of movement.

- * Wear a hat because a great deal of body heat is lost through the head.
- * Wear proper boots that will keep feet warm and dry and still provide good traction.
- * Wear gloves that will keep your hands warm, dry and blister-free.
- * Choose a shovel that is ergonomically correct to help you keep your back straighter, reducing spinal stress.
- * Sometimes a smaller blade is better as the weight will be less, which will put less strain on the spine.
- * Get a shovel that is made to push snow. It is far easier to push snow than to lift it.
- * If you must lift snow, lift it properly. Squat with your legs apart, knees bent and back straight. Lift with your legs and do not bend at the waist.
- * Scoop small amounts of snow into the shovel and walk to where you want to dump it. Never remove deep snow all at once; do it little by little.
- * Don't throw snow over your shoulder. Always move the snow forward!
- * Pace yourself by taking frequent breaks.



Snow Blower Safety

In addition to injuries caused from shoveling snow, more than 14,000 people were injured using snow blowers. A snow blower is a terrific piece of machinery, but if it is not used correctly, many types of injuries can occur, including sprains and strains of the back and shoulders, as well as lacerations and amputations of fingers, hands or feet. Remember these tips:

- * ***Never stick your hands or feet in the snow blower!*** If snow becomes compacted in the snow blower, stop the engine and wait at least five seconds, then use a solid object to clear wet snow from the chute. Beware of recoil of the motor and blades after the machine has been turned off.
- * Read the instruction manual prior to using a snow blower. Be familiar with the specific safety hazards and unfamiliar features. Do not attempt to repair or maintain the snow blower without reading the instruction manual.

By the time you read this information, I am hoping we will be past the snow season. Since that may not be the case, please be smart and cautious when heading outdoors to clear those driveways and sidewalks. Listen to your body and stop shoveling if you feel pain.

WELLNESS



~~DON'T~~ BE A QUITTER!

There are many reasons to become a quitter... that is, for smokers. Besides saving money—an average of approximately \$1,500 a year for one pack a day—you will feel better. No more coughing. Your sense of smell and taste returns, and your clothes and breath smell better.

Ex-smokers have fewer days of illness and fewer health complaints. Their breathing becomes easier, circulation improves and blood pressure starts to return to normal. The risk of cancer, heart disease, stroke and other lung or breathing diseases is substantially reduced.

There are a number of ways to quit smoking. Some people stop “cold turkey.” Others benefit from cessation classes, hypnosis, or aids such as nicotine gum, nicotine patches and prescription drugs. Many people benefit from classes combined with one of these aids. Your health care provider can help you find the best way for you to quit.

It is helpful to **develop a network** of family members, co-workers and friends who can support your effort to quit smoking.

Concentrate on the positive things about quitting, including money saved, health benefits, and the example you are setting for others. A positive attitude will help you through the tough times. If you slip and smoke, **don't be discouraged**. Your efforts have not been wasted; with every attempt you make yourself stronger.

Smoking is an addiction. Statistics show that over half of all adult smokers do manage to quit for good. It is important to remember that most former smokers tried to stop several times before they finally succeeded.

To learn more, go to: www.health.com/health/smoking or www.cdc.gov/tobacco/quit_smoking/ or www.medicinenet.com/smoking_and_quitting_smoking/article.htm

Wellness PPO Plan participants are eligible, with prior approval, to receive one course of tobacco cessation prescription drugs for up to 12 weeks, within a rolling 12 month period, at no cost. There is a lifetime limit of three courses of treatment.



NDOR Highway Improvement Projects Currently Under Contract

Information from Trans•port SiteManager as of January 25, 2010

Location
Work Description
Prime Contractor
Project Manager
Contract Bid Amount

Key:
Aggregate - Agg
Bituminous - Bit
Bridge - Br
Building - Bldg
Concrete Pavement - ConPav
Culverts - Culv
Electrical - Elec
Grading - Gr
Guardrail - Gdrl
Landscaping - LS
Mechanically Stabilized Earth - MSE
Seeding - Seed
Speciality - Spec

District 1

Blue River Br. South of Fairbury
Br, Gdrl
The Diamond Engineering Co.
Vandegrift, Allen (402)729-3489
\$485,666.81

Salem West
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Bit
U.S. Asphalt Co.
Hitzeman, Don (402)335-4131
\$2,697,286.64

Nemaha South
Bit
Constructors, Inc.
Hitzeman, Don (402)335-4131
\$1,308,999.92

Falls City North
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Br, Seed, Gdrl
Herbst Construction, Inc.
Hitzeman, Don (402)335-4131
\$5,151,082.71

US-77 - 9th St., Lincoln
Gr, ConPav, Seed, Br, Gdrl
TCW Construction, Inc.
Knutson, Dewaine (402)471-0850
\$1,516,528.70

Waverly - Greenwood
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl,
Fence, Elec, Sign
Ames Construction, Inc.
Knutson, Dewaine (402)471-0850
\$56,960,355.04

N. Jct. N-99 East
Bit
Constructors, Inc.
Cary, Bill (402)335-4131
\$743,931.70

Pickrell - Cortland
Bit
Pavers Companies
Cary, Bill (402)335-4131
\$2,392,258.25

Syracuse North (Stimulus)
Gr, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Bit
U.S. Asphalt Co.
Habegger, Michael (402)335-4131
\$4,777,516.52

Nebraska City North
Spec
Park Construction Co.
Habegger, Michael (402)335-4131
\$199,658.50

Nebraska City Scale Building
Scale Bldg
Hampton Commercial Constr., Inc.
Habegger, Michael (402)335-4131
\$246,596.00

I-180 - 56th St., Lincoln
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl,
Fence, Elec, Sign
Dobson Bros. Constr. Co. &
United Contractors Inc. (JV)
Sanburn, Bob (402)471-0850
\$48,766,667.84

Greenwood - Mahoney
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl,
Fence, Elec, Sign
Hawkins Construction Co.
England, Jim (402)471-0850
\$35,868,389.45

Air Park - I-180, Lincoln (Stimulus)
Br, Gdrl, Bit
Pavers Companies
Preble, Rodger (402)471-0850
\$1,989,950.28

40th St. Bridge, Lincoln
Gr, Culv, Br, Gdrl
Hawkins Construction Co.
Preble, Rodger (402)471-0850
\$1,459,657.76

Elmwood North & South
Culv, Bit
Constructors, Inc.
Traudt, Bob (402)471-0850
\$678,574.13

US-34/148th St. East of Lincoln
Gr, Culv, Elec, Bit
Pavers Companies
Traudt, Bob (402)471-0850
\$938,982.97

Superior St. Br., Lincoln (Stimulus)
Br
Cramer & Associates, Inc.
Murillo, Ernest (402)471-0850
\$208,255.05

Endicott Northeast
Bit
Constructors, Inc.
Murillo, Ernest (402)471-0850
\$649,574.36

In Prague (Stimulus)
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Water Main
M.E. Collins Contracting Co., Inc.
Murillo, Ernest (402)471-0850
\$438,651.82

County Road, In Crab Orchard
Gr, ConPav, Br, Gdrl
Wilke Contracting Corp.
Murillo, Ernest (402)471-0850
\$743,219.69

Barneston South (Stimulus)
Gr, Br, Gdrl
Commercial Construction, Inc.
Murillo, Ernest (402)471-0850
\$659,082.20

"A" St. & Van Dorn St.,
Lincoln (Stimulus)
Bit
Constructors, Inc.
Murillo, Ernest (402)471-0850
\$567,687.30

Adams St., 57th - 62nd St.,
Lincoln (Stimulus)
Bit
Pavers Companies
Murillo, Ernest (402)471-0850
\$388,315.33

Sterling West (Stimulus)
Gr, Br, Gdrl
Commercial Construction, Inc.
Murillo, Ernest (402)471-0850
\$739,739.39

I-80, Goehner Truck Parking
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Fence, Elec
Constructors, Inc.
Hobelman, Ryan (402)471-0850
\$605,573.94

84th St. Br., Lincoln
Gr, Culv, Br, Gdrl
A.M. Cohron & Son, Inc.
Hobelman, Ryan (402)471-0850
\$1,629,490.93

Jct. US-77/N-109
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Elec
Constructors, Inc.
Townsend, Devin (402)471-0850
\$2,818,151.82

84th St. - N-43
Spec
Sealcoat Services, Inc.
dba SCS Construction Co.
Townsend, Devin (402)471-0850
\$367,552.15

56th St. - 84th St., Lincoln
Spec
Park Construction Co.
Townsend, Devin (402)471-0850
\$102,486.60

East Jct. N-92 North
Gdrl, Bit
Constructors, Inc.
Kuehn, Joseph (402)471-0850
\$2,574,601.70

134th St. Br., Lincoln
Gr, MSE, Culv, Br, Gdrl
Hawkins Construction Co.
Kuehn, Joseph (402)471-0850
\$1,762,277.47

148th St./N-2, Lincoln
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Elec
Hawkins Construction Co.
Volz, Jason (402)471-0850
\$1,825,583.23

District 2

Fremont Main St. Historic Lighting-
Phase2 (Stimulus)
Elec
Watts Electric Company
Veverka, Frank (402)727-3292
\$112,331.00

I-480 WB/US-75 SB Intchg. (Stimulus)
Gr, MSE, ConPav, Culv, Br, Gdrl,
Fence, Elec, Sign
Hawkins Construction Co.
Baehr, Dennis (402)595-2534
\$19,175,728.47

120th/W. Maple Rd., Omaha
Br
PCI Roads, Llc
Farivari, Mo (402)595-2534
\$147,419.17

108th St. - 120th St., Omaha
LS
Lanoha Nurseries, Inc.
Farivari, Mo (402)595-2534
\$468,974.00

Skyline Drive - Ramp 1
Culv
Tab Holding Co., Inc.,
dba Tab Construction
Weander, Marty (402)595-2534
\$48,828.70

Missouri River - 13th St., Omaha
(Stimulus)
Gr, Soil, ConPav, Culv, LS,
Fence, Elec, Sign, Paint
Hawkins Construction Co.
Fisher, Rick (402)595-2534
\$16,068,401.72

Melia Hill Maintenance Facility
Maint. Facility
Upland Construction Co
Kuehner, Chris (402)595-2534
\$2,450,000.00

So. Omaha Bridge, Main Br. Truss
Br
Jensen Construction Co.
Zelensky, Rich (402)595-2534
\$37,574,397.00

So. Omaha Br., Iowa Br. Approach
Br, Elec
Commercial Construction, Inc.
Zelensky, Rich (402)595-2534
\$13,204,975.78

So. Omaha Br., Iowa Grading
Gr, Culv, Seed, Fence, Elec, Bit
K & L Landscape & Constr., Inc.
Tsvid, Aleksandra (402)595-2534
\$3,499,546.34

So. Omaha Br., Iowa Hwy. Paving
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Gdrl, Elec
MFT Construction, Inc.
Tsvid, Aleksandra (402)595-2534
\$2,629,468.91

So. Omaha Br., Nebr.-13th & Mo. Ave.
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, LS, Elec
Hawkins Construction Co.
Hinchey, Maurice (402)595-2534
\$5,262,446.49

So. Omaha Br., Nebr. Br. Approach
Gr, Br, Gdrl, Elec
Hawkins Construction Co.
Hinchey, Maurice (402)595-2534
\$12,773,897.12

District 3

Lindsay South
Bit
Paulsen, Inc.
Robertson, Ramsy (402)421-1717
\$4,232,071.59

N-35 North, Wayne
Spec
Sealcoat Services, Inc.
dba SCS Construction Co.
Francis, Jeff (402)375-7071
\$205,448.75

Hubbard North & South (Stimulus)
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Br, Gdrl
Hawkins Construction Co.
Francis, Jeff (402)375-7071
\$1,887,751.88

Winnebago East
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Elec
M.E. Collins Contracting Co., Inc.
Francis, Jeff (402)375-7071
\$3,254,303.67

Wayne West
Bit
Knife River Midwest, Llc
Francis, Jeff (402)375-7071
\$2,060,548.61

N-35/N-15, Wayne
Elec
Integrated Electrical Services, Inc.
dba Kayton Electric
Mainquist, Bill (402)370-3470
\$13,564.50

In South Sioux City
Elec
Mid-Plains Power, Inc.
Mainquist, Bill (402)370-3470
\$101,290.28

Bow Creek Bridge Near Wynot
Br
A & R Construction Co.
Becker, Roger (402)254-6552
\$53,959.00

Columbus Viaduct
Gr, MSE, ConPav, Culv, Br, Elec
Cramer & Associates, Inc.
Anderson, David (402)564-5751
\$12,941,875.76

Madison East Bridges (Stimulus)
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Bit
Hawkins Construction Co.
Trosper, Steven (402)564-5751
\$3,537,088.30

Platte Co. Monastery Trail (Stimulus)
ConPav
M.E. Collins Contracting Co., Inc.
Trosper, Steven (402)564-5751
\$278,761.30

Concord North Bridge
Br
Christensen Bros., Inc.
Wiebelhaus, Bob (402)254-6552
\$127,998.00

East Jct. US-20 - N-12
Spec
Martin Resource Mgmt. Corp.
dba Monarch Oil
Wiebelhaus, Bob (402)254-6552
\$439,813.59

Lyons North
Spec
Martin Resource Mgmt. Corp.
dba Monarch Oil
Wiebelhaus, Bob (402)254-6552
\$584,731.63

US-20 - Missouri River
Gdrl, Bit
Knife River Midwest, Llc
Wiebelhaus, Bob (402)254-6552
\$3,601,283.03

Monroe Ave., Norfolk
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Elec
A & R Construction Co.
Samuelson, Matthew (402)370-3470
\$683,743.43

Norfolk West
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Elec
Werner Construction, Inc.
Schulz, Ron (402)370-3474
\$20,299,017.48

Royal - Plainview (Stimulus)
Bit
Constructors, Inc.
Lollman, Doug (402)370-3474
\$5,150,574.54

In Norfolk
Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Lollman, Doug (402)370-3474
\$2,521,640.64

District 4



Hastings West (Stimulus)
Gr, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Elec, Bit
Vontz Paving, Inc.
Kohmetscher, Lyle (402)462-1996
\$3,599,832.60

In Kearney (Stimulus)
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Elec
Paulsen, Inc.
Farber, Tom (308)865-5434
\$2,251,125.35

Odessa - Kearney (WB)
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Gdrl,
Fence, Elec
Knife River Midwest, Llc
Farber, Tom (308)865-5434
\$11,320,248.97

L63A North of Genoa
Bit
Paulsen, Inc.
Kwiatkowski, Rick (308)754-5411
\$471,862.04

Charleston Link
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl
Werner Construction, Inc.
Grooms, Jerry (402)362-5934
\$3,715,517.77

Charleston Link Interchange
Br, Gdrl, Bit
Commercial Construction, Inc.
Grooms, Jerry (402)362-5934
\$849,859.29

N-74 - Shelby (5 Segments)
Spec
Sealcoat Services, Inc.
dba SCS Construction Co.
Anderson, Tom (402)362-5934
\$382,264.00

York North
Gr, Culv, Br, Gdrl, Elec, Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Anderson, Tom (402)362-5934
\$3,983,089.46

Grand Island South (Stimulus)
Gr, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Elec, Bit
The Diamond Engineering Co.
Nordhues, Bob (308)385-6265
\$6,329,248.36

Cairo Downtown Improv. (Stimulus)
LS
Truelsen Blumenthal, Llc
dba Soil-Tek
Heermann, Dennis (308)385-6888
\$187,860.40

Aurora - Central City
Gr, Culv, Seed, Gdrl, Elec, Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Weber, Kirk (308)385-6888
\$8,584,360.49

In Wolbach
Br
Wilke Contracting Corp.
Weber, Kirk (308)385-6888
\$421,597.31

Oak South (Stimulus)
Culv
M.E. Collins Contracting Co., Inc.
Weber, Kirk (308)385-6888
\$210,901.57

Juniata Southwest (Stimulus)
Gr, Br, Gdrl
Simon Contractors & Subsidiaries
Weber, Kirk (308)385-6888
\$383,252.73

Showboat Blvd., 7th - 12th St.,
Hastings (Stimulus)
Bit
Vontz Paving, Inc.
Weber, Kirk (308)385-6888
\$241,063.01

Ord - Burwell
Gr, Culv, Seed, Elec, Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Woodgate, Gerald (308)754-5411
\$8,121,354.49

Middle Loup Br., Arcadia (Stimulus)
Gr, Br, Gdrl
Simon Contractors & Subsidiaries
Woodgate, Gerald (308)754-5411
\$1,667,006.59

US-281, Via. Approach, Grand Island
Gr, ConPav, Br
The Diamond Engineering Co.
Woodgate, Gerald (308)754-5411
\$432,215.12

Wood River - Grand Island (Stimulus)
Gdrl, Bit
Vontz Paving, Inc.
Gripenstroh, Scott (308)385-6888
\$5,145,542.96

Minden - Wood River
Spec
Interstate Sealant & Concrete, Inc.
Gripenstroh, Scott (308)385-6888
\$259,000.14

Shelton Interchange
Spec
Ensley Electrical Services, Inc.
Schmidt, Larry (308)385-6888
\$376,575.00

Pleasanton South (Stimulus)
Bit
Vontz Paving, Inc.
Schmidt, Larry (308)385-6888
\$1,300,914.34

Wood River Interchange
Br
Simon Contractors & Subsidiaries
Schmidt, Larry (308)385-6888
\$78,895.53

Edgar Spur (Stimulus)
Gr, Culv, Elec, Bit
Vontz Paving, Inc.
Meyer, Steve (402)462-1996
\$1,735,839.29

Ruskin East & West
Bit
Vontz Paving, Inc.
Meyer, Steve (402)462-1996
\$3,262,707.26

District 5



Chappell - Oshkosh (Stimulus)
Bit
Western Engineering Co., Inc.
Frickey, Russ (308)262-1929
\$6,773,436.78

Broadwater South Bridges
Br
Reiman Corp.
Frickey, Russ (308)262-1929
\$64,400.30

Sidney East Viaduct
ConPav, Br
Perrett Construction, Ltd.
Frickey, Russ (308)262-1929
\$758,352.76

Chadron East & West
Gdrl, Bit
U.S. Asphalt Co.
Carnahan, Brian (308)432-6144
\$4,401,052.24

Whitney Spur Bridge
Br
Reiman Corp.
Carnahan, Brian (308)432-6144
\$147,011.40

Chadron South Bridges
Br
Fuller Construction Co., Inc.
Carnahan, Brian (308)432-6144
\$192,828.61

Scottsbluff Northwest Viaduct
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Br,
Gdrl, Elec
Perrett Construction, Ltd.
Rhamy, Wayne (308)436-6587
\$6,959,605.07

Wyoming Line East
Culv
Simon Contractors & Subsidiaries
Rhamy, Wayne (308)436-6587
\$51,400.47

I-80 to North of Kimball
Gr, MSE, Culv, Seed, Br
Commercial Construction, Inc.
Johnson, James (308)436-6587
\$12,243,690.00

Dist. 5 - Districtwide
Spec
Iowa Erosion Control, Inc.
Jacobs, Maryanne (308)436-6587
\$974,001.68

East Kimball - Potter (EB)
Bit
Werner Construction Co.
Jacobs, Maryanne (308)436-6587
\$2,974,263.00

Auto. Gate Closure Proj. - Rural
Elec
Mid-Plains Power Inc.
Thomsen, Toby (308)535-8033
\$184,787.45

District 6



Buffalo Bill Ave. Extension
Gr, Br, Culv
Commercial Construction, Inc.
Stark, Thad (308)535-6724
\$12,081,916.94

Big Springs West (Stimulus)
Br, Gdrl, Bit
Simon Contractors & Subsidiaries
Morrell, Richard (308)535-8033
\$3,985,400.46

Ogallala West Bypass
Bit
Paulsen, Inc.
Morrell, Richard (308)535-8033
\$872,528.46

Lewellen - Ogallala
Gr, Bit
Paulsen, Inc.
Morrell, Richard (308)535-8033
\$2,756,126.59

Ogallala West
Gr, Seed, Elec, Bit
Paulsen, Inc.
Morrell, Richard (308)535-8033
\$3,086,661.01

State Farm Rd. North, North Platte
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Br, Elec
Cement Products, Inc.
Morrell, Richard (308)535-8033
\$3,576,209.38

Wallace Maintenance Facility
Maint Facility
Wayne Dowhower Constr., Inc.
Thomsen, Toby (308)535-8033
\$1,169,000.00

Lake Maloney South
Bit
Western Engineering Co., Inc.
Thomsen, Toby (308)535-8033
\$2,535,391.18

Thedford Viaduct (Stimulus)
Gr, MSE, ConPav, Culv, Br,
Gdrl, Elec
Ames Construction, Inc.
Thomsen, Toby (308)535-8033
\$6,954,805.22

Thedford South
Gr, Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Thomsen, Toby (308)535-8033
\$4,627,371.44

North Platte West (Stimulus)
Spec
Iowa Erosion Control, Inc.
Thomsen, Toby (308)535-8033
\$1,692,944.57

Brule - Ogallala (Stimulus)
Gdrl, Bit
Paulsen, Inc.
Sawyer, Harlan (308)535-8033
\$4,045,012.53

Ogallala - Roscoe (Stimulus)
Bit
Paulsen, Inc.
Sawyer, Harlan (308)535-8033
\$3,390,994.77

Lexington North
Bit
Paulsen, Inc.
Brinker, Gary (308)535-8033
\$590,542.54

Darr Interchange (Stimulus)
Br, Gdrl, Bit
Paulsen, Inc.
Brinker, Gary (308)535-8033
\$1,039,544.87

Cozad Interchange
Gr, MSE, ConPav, Br, Gdrl, Elec
Paulsen, Inc.
Brinker, Gary (308)535-8033
\$4,595,440.50

Monroe St. to I-80, Cozad
Gr, ConPav, Culv
Paulsen, Inc.
Brinker, Gary (308)535-8033
\$486,731.45

Lexington - Overton (Stimulus)
Seed, Gdrl, Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Brinker, Gary (308)535-8033
\$6,491,623.68

Thedford - Seneca
Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Lewandowski, Daniel (308)872-6735
\$1,176,313.69

Ashby - Hyannis
Gr, Culv, Elec, Bit
Simon Contractors & Subsidiaries
Lewandowski, Daniel (308)872-6735
\$3,809,008.96

Broken Bow East
Seed, Gdrl, Bit
Paulsen, Inc.
Lewandowski, Daniel (308)872-6735
\$4,595,759.73

District 7

Funk Northwest (Stimulus)
Culv
Van Kirk Sand & Gravel, Inc.
Weber, Kirk (308)385-6888
\$104,753.47

Loomis - Holdrege (Stimulus)
Gr, Culv, Gdrl, Elec, Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Kuhn, Kenton (308)995-5397
\$2,518,943.51

McCook South
Bit
Paulsen, Inc.
Collins, Duane (308)345-8490
\$2,069,429.51

Kansas Line - N-89
Spec
Martin Resource Mgmt. Corp.
dba Monarch Oil
Ziebell, Roger (308)345-8490
\$493,285.46

Stockville Southeast (Stimulus)
Br, Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Ziebell, Roger (308)345-8490
\$801,348.72

Holdrege - Funk
Bit
Paulsen, Inc.
Dietz, Mark (308)995-5397
\$2,298,753.76

Naponee East (Stimulus)
Culv
TCW Construction, Inc.
Dietz, Mark (308)995-5397
\$64,208.94

District 8

O'Neill East (Stimulus)
Culv
A & R Construction Co.
Robertson, Ramsy (402)421-1717
\$180,675.40

O'Neill East (Stimulus)
Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Colfack, Gene (402)336-2051
\$1,423,134.29

Ainsworth East
Bit
Western Engineering Co., Inc.
Rudnick, Michael (402)387-2471
\$2,142,502.20

North of Thomas/Cherry County
Line North (Stimulus)
Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Gustafson, Jay (402)376-1352
\$3,348,777.57

O'Neill South (Stimulus)
Gdrl, Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Ziska, Dan (402)336-2051
\$2,215,667.93

Chambers Jct. North
Gr, Culv, Br, Gdrl, Elec, Bit
Knife River Midwest, LLC
Ziska, Dan (402)336-2051
\$6,898,555.05



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Our Top Twenty

NDOR employees with the most *total state service*
as of January 2010.

Name	Office	Service Date
1. Ernest W. Voss	Lincoln (HQ)	3 /22/1954
2. Irene G. Regelean	Lincoln (HQ)	5 /28/1954
3. Daniel J. Sharp	Lincoln (HQ)	6 /10/1957
4. Larry G. Shafer	Lincoln (HQ)	9 /7 /1957
5. William N. Smets	Lexington (D6)	4 /1 /1958
6. Dalcyce F. Ronnau	Lincoln (HQ)	6 /9 /1958
7. Freddie D. Lentz	Omaha (D2)	7 /28/1958
8. Frank Veverka	Fremont (D2)	10/1 /1958
9. Lyman D. Freemon	Lincoln (HQ)	10/12/1958
10. Forrest L. Francis	Albion (D3)	10/22/1959
11. Douglas J. Prochazka	Lincoln (HQ)	7 /11/1960
12. Ronald D. Schulz	Norfolk (D3)	9 /1 /1960
13. Robert R. Foreman	Lincoln (HQ)	10/1 /1960
14. Raymond D. McAndrew	Omaha (D2)	11/19/1960
15. Harvey J. Bouwens	Lincoln (HQ)	1 /27/1961
16. Larry D. Jobman	Lincoln (HQ)	5 /12/1961
17. Gary L. Prey	Lincoln (D1)	6 /12/1961
18. Dennis R. Baehr	Omaha (D2)	5 /14/1962
19. Myron T. Petr	Hastings (D4)	6 /29/1962
20. Jon E. Ogden	Lincoln (HQ)	9 /25/1962

All ⁱⁿ the Family

Information for "All in the Family" should be sent to the Communication Division. Appropriate information will be included in future Roadrunners.

Please note: Birth announcements will be published as long as written permission is received by the Communication Division. This is necessary, as NDOR is required to adhere to privacy laws under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Births

Congratulations to Jim and Robyn Hertzell on the birth of their grandchildren – Isabella, born on September 30, 2009, and Lily, born on November 28, 2009. Jim is a Highway ROW Project Manager in Right-of-Way.

Congratulations to Roger and Kathy Ripley on the birth of their grandson, Mitchell, born December 29, 2009. Roger is a Negotiator/Relocation Supervisor in Right-of-Way.

Congratulations to Johnny and Sandra Schuelke on the birth of their 19th grandchild, Landry Clayton, born December 18, 2009. Sandra is an Administrative Assistant in Roadway Design.

Congratulations to Rob and Kim Christian on the birth of their first grandson, Alex Michael, born December 23, 2009. Rob is an IT Applications Developer Sr. for the GIS Section in Business Technology Support.

Congratulations to Jill Kuhel on the birth of her grandson, Noah James, born December 29, 2009. Jill is a Transportation Planner in Planning and Project Development.

Congratulations to Bob and Deb Jaeger on the birth of their second son, Logan Max, born December 21, 2009. Bob is an IT Business Systems Analyst in Materials & Research.

Congratulations to Ron and Cilinda Scheideler on the birth of Kyptan Alan, born January 19. Ron is a Hwy. Maintenance Worker Sr. at District 4 in Greeley.

Congratulations to Julie Brown on the birth of her granddaughter, Aliza Jean, born January 15. Julie is a Construction Tech III at District 4 in York.

Condolences

Right-of-Way sends condolences to Kevin Arens and his family on the death of his mother. Kevin is a Highway Land Surveyor.

Condolences to family, friends and co-workers on the death of Marjorie (Marty) Kuper. Marty was a ROW Agent II. She leaves behind a legacy of proficient work, full respect of her peers, numerous contributions to the success of

the ROW Division and a well earned reputation of always being a most helpful "go to" person.

Controller sends condolences to Teresa Oglesby on the death of her mother, Marty Kuper. Teresa is an Accountant III. To Brenda Hain on the death of her mother. Brenda is a Secretary II. To Linda Soulliere on the death of her dad. Linda is an Accountant I. And to Jim Dietsch on the death of his mother-in-law. Jim is an Audit Manager.

Condolences to Carl Humphrey on the death of his mother. Carl is an Engineer IV in Roadway Design.

Condolences to Dennis and Barb Meinecke on the death of Dennis's father. Dennis is a Hwy. Materials Designer in Materials & Research.

Condolences to Rob Polen and family on the death of Rob's father. Rob is a Hwy. Maintenance Worker Sr. at District 4 in St. Paul.

Condolences to the family, friends and co-workers on the death of Ron Broe. Ron was an Auto/Diesel Mechanic at District 4 in Kearney.

Condolences to Steve Gripenstroh on the death of his wife and to Scott Gripenstroh on the death of his mother. Steve is a Hwy. Maintenance Worker Sr. at District 1 in Nebraska City. Scott is a Hwy. Project Manager at District 4 in Grand Island.

Condolences to the family of Maurice Grutsch, who passed away November 19, 2009. Maurice was a mechanic at District 8 in O'Neill, retiring in 1989.

This 'n That

Controller sends best wishes to Jim Filkins on his retirement from NDOR after 30 years and 10 months of service. And to Bob Hogg on his retirement from NDOR after 11 years and 10 months of service.

Controller welcomes new employee, Anita Gayed, Budget Analyst, to their division.

Communication Division sends best wishes to Dee Krueger on her retirement from NDOR after 30 years of service.

Lincoln Police Officer Andy Ripley was awarded the 2009 Field Training Officer of the Year at a ceremony in December 2009. He is the son of Roger Ripley, Negotiator/Relocation Supervisor in Right-of-Way.

Andrew Kelley graduated in December from UNL with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. Andrew worked in Traffic Engineering as an intern for a year. He is the son of Ed and Wanda Kelley. Ed is a GIS Analyst/Cartography Supervisor in Business Technology Support.

Dillon Byre, son of Dale and Ra'Londa Byre, placed third in the Den 8, Pack 20 Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby and is advancing to the Districts

Derby in March. Dale is Hwy. Quality Assurance Manager in Materials & Research. District 4 sends best wishes to Mons Thompson, who retired on December 31, 2009 after more than 45 years of service.

PFC Corey Shafer graduated from the United States Army Advanced Infantry Training at Fort Benning, Georgia, on December 16, 2009. He is stationed at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Corey is the son of Pam and John Garrett of North Platte. Pam is Hwy. Maintenance Superintendent at District 6 in North Platte.

Service Awards

Congratulations to these dedicated individuals for their work and continued service with the Department of Roads. They celebrate their service dates in *February and March*.

40 Years

Gary Brhel, Materials & Research
Richard Kwiatkowski, District 4
Gary Mangel, Materials & Research
Arthur Thompson Jr., Plan. & Proj. Dev.

30 Years

Kent Kennedy, Roadway Design
Robert Malmquist Jr., Operations
Randy Sabata, District 4
William Whitten, District 3

20 Years

Zoia Clark, Bridge
Kevin Domogalla, District 3
Ronda Lewis, District 6
Craig Ludemann, District 8
Keith Meyer, District 4
Kenneth Porath, District 4
Margaret Richart, District 7
Jean Todd, Right-of-Way

10 Years

James Baker, District 8
Carlo Campana, Human Resources
Steven Gripenstroh, District 1
David Hansen, District 6
Dale Kalenda, District 8
Linda Langdale, Plan. & Proj. Dev.
Greg Schafer, Operations
Roger Sullwold, District 1

NDOR Events Calendar

— February —

- 9 New Employee Orientation Program**
Rm. 152, 5001 S. 14th (the "Hill")
Contact DeWayne Morrow @ 476-3678
- 10 RoadToasters**
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.
Contact Glenn Williams @ 479-3628
- 14-20 National Engineers Week**
www.eweek.org
- 15 State Holiday – Presidents' Day**
- 18 Letting**
1:30 p.m., NDOR Auditorium
Contact Kendall Stege @ 479-4528
- 19 Bd. Public Roads Class & Stds.**
9:00 a.m., NDOR Auditorium
Contact LeMoyne Schulz @ 479-4436
- 19 Bd. Examiners for Co. Hwy. & City Street Supts.**
10:00 a.m., NDOR Materials & Research Conference Rm.
Contact LeMoyne Schulz @ 479-4436
- 24 RoadToasters**
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.
Contact Glenn Williams @ 479-3628
- 25 Letting**
1:30 p.m., NDOR Auditorium
Contact Kendall Stege @ 479-4528

— March —

- 1-3 Bd. Examiners for Co. Hwy. & City Street Supts.**
Workshop: March 1, 9:00 a.m. – March 3, 2:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn, Kearney
Contact LeMoyne Schulz @ 479-4436
- 4 Letting**
1:30 p.m., NDOR Auditorium
Contact Kendall Stege @ 479-4528
- 4 Blood Drive – Community Blood Bank**
NDOR Central Headquarters
Contact Diane Holthus @ 479-4580
- 9 New Employee Orientation Program**
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- 19 Bd. Public Roads Class & Stds.**
9:00 a.m., NDOR Auditorium
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- 23-26 Project Managers' Conference**
Ramada Inn, Kearney
- 24 RoadToasters**
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.
Contact Glenn Williams @ 479-3628

— April —

- 2 Bd. Examiners for Co. Hwy. & City Street Supts.**
Meeting 8:45 a.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.
Examination 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. NDOR Auditorium
Contact LeMoyne Schulz @ 479-4436
- 6 New Employee Orientation Program**
Rm. 152, 5001 S. 14th (the "Hill")
Contact DeWayne Morrow @ 476-3678
- 8 Letting**
1:30 p.m., NDOR Auditorium
Contact Kendall Stege @ 479-4528
- 14 RoadToasters**
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.
Contact Glenn Williams @ 479-3628
- 16 Bd. Public Roads Class & Stds.**
9:00 a.m., NDOR Auditorium
Contact LeMoyne Schulz @ 479-4436
- 17-24 Great Nebraska Trash-Off**
- 19-25 National Work Zone Awareness Week**
- 23 Hwy. Commission Meeting**
10:00 a.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.
Contact Greg Weinert @ 479-4871
- 28 RoadToasters**
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.
Contact Glenn Williams @ 479-3628
- 22 Earth Day**
- 30 State Holiday – Arbor Day**

If you would like a key event included on upcoming calendars, call the Communication Office 479-4512 or e-mail linda.wilson@nebraska.gov. Information for the April/May Roadrunner should be received by March 26, 2010.